



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
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**Instructions for Filing**  
**Petition for a Writ of *Habeas Corpus* under**  
**28 U.S.C. § 2241 (For Immigration Matters)**

**To Be Used in Actions Challenging Immigration Custody**

1. **Who should use this form:** You should use this form if you are in the custody (or subject to a custodial order) of immigration authorities and you wish to challenge that custody. Section 2241 *habeas corpus* petitions challenging custody generally must be filed in the district where you are confined.
2. **Who should *not* use this form:** Do not use this form to seek review of a final order of removal. Review of a final order of removal is available only in the appropriate court of appeals.
3. **Caption:** The caption is located in the top left corner on the first page of the petition. You, as the person filing the petition, are the “petitioner.” Generally, the Warden or Superintendent of the institution in which you are confined is the “respondent.” The respondent may also be the government official responsible for your confinement.
4. **Signature:** The petition must be signed with a pen.
5. **Fee:** The filing fee for a *habeas* petition brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 is \$5. If you cannot afford to pay this fee, you can request that the Court waive the fee by submitting a Request to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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v.                      Petitioner,

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Respondent(s).

PETITION FOR A  
WRIT OF *HABEAS*  
*CORPUS* UNDER  
28 U.S.C. § 2241  
(FOR IMMIGRATION MATTERS)

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I.        Parties in this Petition

1.        You are the Petitioner. List your name and address. If you are currently in custody, include your identification number and the name and address of your current place of confinement.

Petitioner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Prisoner ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Alien #: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2.        List all Respondents by name, position and place of employment. Make sure that the respondent(s) listed below are identical to those contained in the above caption. Attach additional pages of paper if necessary.

Respondent No. 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Where Currently Employed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Respondent No. 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Where Currently Employed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Respondent No. 3

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Where Currently Employed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Respondent No. 4

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Where Currently Employed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## II. Nature of Challenge to Immigration Custody

1. Are you challenging:

- a. ☐ the length of detention after a final order of removal has issued
- b. ☐ mandatory detention during removal proceedings
- c. ☐ custody pursuant to an immigration detainer
- d. ☐ failure to provide a bail or bond hearing or review of a custody determination
- e. ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Removal Proceedings

**NOTE:** The district court does not have jurisdiction to review a final order of removal; only the court of appeals can do so. Any challenge you make in this Petition to a final order of removal could be transferred to the appropriate court of appeals.

- a. Did an Immigration Judge issue an order of removal?  
☐ Yes, the order was issued in \_\_\_\_\_ (city, state). ☐ No
- b. Did you appeal the Immigration Judge's order of removal to the Board of Immigration Appeals ("BIA") Yes ☐ No ☐
- c. If yes, on what date did the BIA rule on your appeal from the order of removal?  
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- d. Did you file any other motion(s) to reopen or reconsider the BIA's final order of removal? Yes ☐ No ☐
- e. If yes, on what date(s) did the BIA decide your motion(s) to reopen or reconsider the final order of removal? \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Have you filed a petition for review in the court of appeals? Yes ☐ No ☐
- g. If yes, provide the name of the court and the docket number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### III. Custody

How long have you been in the custody of immigration authorities? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- a. Were you released to the custody of immigration authorities directly from state or federal criminal incarceration? Yes ☐ No ☐
- b. Are you being held by state or federal authorities after release from criminal incarceration because of an immigration detainer ("immigration hold")? Yes ☐ No ☐
- c. If so, how long have you been held pursuant to the immigration detainer?  
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### IV. Grounds for Challenging Immigration Custody

List each ground that supports your claim that you are being detained unlawfully by (or on behalf of) immigration authorities. You may include facts such as the length of time you have been in the custody of immigration authorities, whether removal proceedings are pending or there is a final order of removal, or why you allege that there is no reasonable likelihood that you will be removed in the foreseeable future. You may attach additional pages if necessary to raise additional grounds or provide additional facts.

- a. Ground One: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Supporting FACTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Did you raise Ground One in any administrative proceedings? Yes ☐ No ☐  
If so, indicate how you raised such claims (*e.g.*, before a District Director, Immigration Judge or the BIA) and the date and result of any decisions.

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b. Ground Two: \_\_\_\_\_

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Supporting FACTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Did you raise Ground Two in any administrative proceedings? Yes ☐ No ☐  
If so, indicate how you raised such claims (*e.g.*, before a District Director, Immigration Judge or the BIA) and the date and result of any decisions.

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c. Ground Three: \_\_\_\_\_

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Supporting FACTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Did you raise Ground Three in any administrative proceedings? Yes ☐ No ☐  
If so, indicate how you raised such claims (*e.g.*, before a District Director, Immigration Judge or the BIA) and the date and result of any decisions.

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d. Ground Four: \_\_\_\_\_

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Supporting FACTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Did you raise Ground Four in any administrative proceedings? Yes ☐ No ☐  
If so, indicate how you raised such claims (*e.g.*, before a District Director, Immigration Judge or the BIA) and the date and result of any decisions.

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V. Relief

Based on the grounds raised above, what are you asking the Court to do?

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### **DECLARATION**

I declare under the penalty of perjury that I have read the above and the information contained in this petition is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

### **IF YOU ARE IN CUSTODY:**

I declare under the penalty of perjury that this Petition was (check one):

☐ delivered to facility officials for mailing or ☐ deposited in the facility's internal mail system on

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner